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SUBJECT: ARMS-RUNNING TO BOUGAINVILLE

REF: (A) PORT MORESBY 262, (B) CANBERRA 2419, (C) PORT
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1. DEPARTMENT HAS FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST REPORTS IN REFTELS.
WE WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF US FIRMS
OR CITIZENS IN SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SECESSIONISTS
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ON BOUGAINVILLE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO INFORMATION OTHER THAN
THAT IN REFTELS INDICATING THAT US FIRMS OR CITIZENS ARE IN-
VOLVED. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON SMALL OR ON FRENCH. WHAT
LIMITED INFORMATION WE HAVE ON OTHER INDIVIDUALS NAMED HAS

BEEN POUCHED TO POSTS.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD LOOK PRIMARILY TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND TO AUSTRALIA TO DEAL WITH ARMS SALES TO BOUGAINVILLE SECESSIONISTS, UNLESS THERE IS MORE CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT US LAWS ARE BEING VIOLATED. USG IS, OF COURSE, WILLING TO ASSIST GPNG AND GOA AS APPROPRIATE, BUT THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE THAT WE CAN DO ON THE BASIS OF PRESENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION. WITHIN THAT CONTEXT, DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO DISCUSSIONS IN PORT MORESBY AS WELL AS IN CANBERRA.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED ENCLOSURES TO AIDE-MEMOIRE REPORTED IN CANBERRA 2419, AND ASSUMES THAT PORT MORESBY ALSO HAS THESE ENCLOSURES.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT MAY DEVELOP CONCERNING INVOLVEMENT OF US CITIZENS IN TRANSFER OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SECESSIONIST ELEMENTS ON BOUGAINVILLE. SISCO

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